End the RFE Charade Post 3/7/67

Radio Free Europe again has asked to be included among those international agencies allowed to solicit funds from Federal employes in the combined charity drive. The request should be denied. RFE is a political operation of the Central Intelligence Agency; it masquerades as a citizen organization under volunteer control. The Civil Service Commission apparently has an understanding with the CIA to let RFE solicit Government employes. The Commission should end this indefensible bit of annual deception.

RFE's "cover" has been quite "blown" by the recent disclosures about the CIA. If it is to keep asking the public for money, it should sever its connection with CIA and open its now-secret books. Otherwise it should stop asking the American people for a second voluntary contribution—they already make a first involuntary contribution through their taxes—and instead should go to Congress for all its funds. Why not go publicly and openly?